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In re Application of  
Tononi et al.

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For: VIGILANCE NUCLEIC ACIDS  
AND RELATED DIAGNOSTIC,  
SCREENING AND THERAPEUTIC  
METHODS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2002,  
consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.  
A response to the Office Action is due February 3, 2002.  
Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending and subject to a Restriction  
Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The claims have been restricted into Groups I-V.  
Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group IV,  
claims 12 and 13, for prosecution on the merits.

A second restriction has also been applied, which  
Applicants understand to require an election of one of SEQ ID